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Those Who Law.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

HON. EDWIN MAXWELL SPECIAL JUDGE.



MOVEMENTS and interest in legal circles have been transferred from the circuit to the United States court rooms since our last issue. We went to press before the decision in the noted Cookman case last week. Most persons thought it would develop a seriously hung jury but the case was decided and Adam Cookman was not required to pay the "lost and found" note of \$4,114. The plaintiff made a strong case in showing that it was Adam's signature and Adam showed that it was dated at a time when he was at Rockford cutting wheat if the witnesses could rely upon their memory. We give below, the general routine proceedings of the court, except some chancery motions which are to be heard to-day.

LAW.

State vs. John M. Jackson; continued until January term.
E A Cookman ex. of Parker B Cookman, deceased, vs Adam D Cookman; verdict of jury for defendant.

J H Thompson and J P Thompson, vs M M Bradford, J F Bradford, C B Bradford, Fred A Lang, A H Osborn. Judgment for plaintiffs for \$250.40 and costs.

State vs Charles Gassaway. Verdict of jury; guilty of unlawful shooting and sentenced to county jail for 60 days.

State vs Charles McVicker. Indictment No. 1; ten dollars fine and costs.

Same vs same, ten dollars fine and costs.

Same vs same, ten dollars fine and costs.

State vs Samuel Huff. Verdict of jury; guilty of unlawful cutting.

James E Thrift qualified as an attorney-at-law.

Equitable Insurance Company vs Sommers & Boughner. Motion of plaintiff to set aside verdict of jury and grant a new trial overruled.

CHANCERY.

Charles Lanham adm'r vs. M. A. Frum, &c. Dropped from docket.

John W Cottrill adm'r vs R T Towndes, et al. Decree of sale.

Wheeling Corrugating Co. vs Mary A Keenan, et al. Dismissed.

David W Kemper vs David S Justice, et al. Order reviving against John W Payne, committee of Ruhama Justice.

James P Lanum vs Mary Lanum. Divorce granted.

Wm A Marsh appointed committee of Addison Rittenhouse instead of Jackson V Carter.

W H Smith Hardware Co. vs Harriet A Michaels. Decree of sale.

Shattuck & Jackson vs J W Gordon, et al. Referred to M M Thompson.

Joshua S Lowe vs J I Alexander, et al. Commissioners report confirmed.

S O Denham vs W B Ruckman, et al. Decree of sale.

Betty Wilson vs Sarah A Maddox and others. J I Alexander

appointed receiver of lands of Sarah Maddox.

Charles I Martin vs S O Kester et al. Decree of sale of Martin's lands.

Elmer F Goodwin vs Mary Bartlett, et al. Decree of sale.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

West Virginians Will Invest in the Sugar Business.

The Inter-State Sugar Company of Alderson, Monroe county, was incorporated at Charleston Saturday. It is organized for the purpose of the manufacture and sale of sugar, glucose syrups and other products of sugar, for the distilling and sale of alcohol and other spirits from the said product and substances. \$500,000 has been subscribed and \$50,000 paid in. The incorporators are O. K. Lapham and D. P. Sewalt, of Staunton, John Graham, McConnell, of Chicago, Chas. H. Graham, of Olney, W. Va., and John W. Alderson, of Alderson, W. Va.

Assessor Jesse G. Lawson was in town Wednesday. He will begin teaching next month.

The Judge has not yet sentenced young Sam Huff, who was convicted of unlawful cutting at this term of court.

Mrs. Vie Goff, of Bridgeport, has moved into her splendid new home on Quality Hill, opposite Judge Maxwell's home.

Marsh Smith now holds forth in a new grocery at the East End in the store room formerly occupied by Chas. Brooks.

Col. F. B. Davisson, one of the leading cattle shippers of the county, is in town quite frequently, and is very busy these days.

Dr. George M. Holt, dentist, will be in his office at Clarksburg, Nov. 1st, 1897, and remain 30 days.

Complete Federal Court proceedings, and a number of items relating to the new deputies and the U. S. grand jury next week.

Notice relating to the Sunday church services are published free. Ministers should send in any little announcements early in each week.

Cadet Chas. E. Morgan, son of Dr. D. P. Morgan, has reported for duty at the U. S. Naval Academy after a delightful visit of a few weeks at home. Charley is getting along well and we predict for him a brilliant career.

The Farnum miners are glad to welcome back that staunch Republican, Thomas George, who has been in Fayette county for some time. "Uncle Tom" can't do without the TELEGRAM and he says prosperity is here so he will pay in advance.

Fred Martin, of Enterprise, a son of Hon. George W. Martin, and Miss Hattie Harrison, of the same city, were united in marriage by Rev. William P. Fortney, Sunday.... Governor Pierpoint who has been quite sick at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Siviter, in Pittsburg, is now thought to be better.—Index.

Last week the usually quiet and law-abiding town of Weston became the mecca for all the fakirs and gamblers, the roughs and toughs, the thieves and thugs within reach, and we actually harbored for that time the vilest aggregation of swindlers that has yet trod the fair soil of Lewis county.—Independent.

Mrs. Atkinson

Before the Court at Glenville.

The Governor and Other Noted People in Attendance.

Glenville, W. Va., Oct. 3.—The most noted case which ever came up in the circuit court of Gilmer county, and one which, considering the prominence of the parties involved, and the sensational nature of the charges preferred, probably finds no parallel instance in any State in the Union, was called by Judge Blizard Friday morning, when court opened, and is now in course of trial.

Mrs. Myra H. Camden, widow of the late Judge G. D. Camden, of Clarksburg, was indicted at the June term of the circuit court of this county, upon a charge of having illegally signed Judge Camden's name to some receipts. Mr. Camden Sommers, one of the heirs of Judge Camden, being the chief witness against her. Mrs. Atkinson does not deny that she signed her husband's name to a great many papers during his long illness and always with his authority and the courts have many times in the past recognized her authority to do this and have accepted, without question, papers so executed.

The finding of the indictment by the grand jury created quite a sensation at the time, coming on the eve of Mrs. Camden's marriage to Governor George W. Atkinson.

When the case was reached on the docket, Judge John Brannon appeared for Mrs. Atkinson and entered a general demurrer to the indictment; the demurrer was set for argument and Judge Brannon entered into a lengthy discussion of legal technicalities, admitting the execution of the papers on the part of Mrs. Atkinson, but denying that they were, in any sense forgeries.

Robt. G. Linn, counsel for the prosecution, conducted the argument against the demurrer, and the whole, making an effective and logical argument.

Hon. R. F. Kidd, for the defense, divided the thirty minutes allotted Judge Brannon for closing the argument, and made a telling and characterizing speech. Mrs. Atkinson, all through the proceedings, was an attentive listener to the arguments and frequently, during the course of Judge Brannon's remarks, expressed her approval by inclinations of the head.

Judge Blizard overruled the demurrer and declared the indictment to be valid upon its face.

The defense is ably represented by Judge John Brannon and W. W. Brannon, of Weston, and Hon. R. F. Kidd, and Spencer Collins, of this place, while the State's interests are being well looked after by by Robert G. Linn, John S. Withers and Pre-cutting Attorney C. M. Bennett, of the local bar.

Camden Sommers, of Clarksburg, the main prosecuting witness; Mr. Ramsburg, of Frederick, Md.; W. L. Camden, of Baltimore, and other heirs of the late Judge Camden, are here for the purpose of prosecuting the case with all the vigor possible.

Glenville, Oct. 6.—For several days it has been impossible to proceed with the trial of Mrs. Atkinson because the State's main witness, Geo. W. Davisson, of Lewis county, was not present. It was claimed that he was sick so the court finally sent an officer and a physician after him. He is now here and the trial will go on at once.

The friends of Mrs. Atkinson are very active in her behalf and are bringing into court many witnesses for the defense. Hon.

John J. Davis, of Clarksburg, arrived here to-day and will assist in the defense of the case.

Visitors from all parts of the country are registered at the various hotels and the influx of the curious still continues.

The prosecution promises the introduction of some sensational testimony.

Preachers

Assigned to Duty by the M. E. Conference.



OUR districts are given in this issue of the TELEGRAM showing the assignment of ministers as designated at the recent M. E. Conference which closed its sessions at Morgantown, Oct. 5, 1897.

The following appointments will be of interest to those in this section:

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.
J. Engle, presiding elder.
Clarksburg—C. W. Grimes.
Bridgeport—O. Poling.
Barnesville—L. T. Carter.
Fairmont—H. B. Robinson.
Farmington—D. A. Friend.
Jarvisville—B. B. Brooks.
Logansport—W. R. Hannon.
Lumberport—J. A. Hiatt.
Mannington—W. B. King.
Marion—L. N. Canfield.
Mt. Clare—Taylor Richmond.
Pine Grove—Pheophilus McCoy.
Pruntytown—J. F. Arnold.
Salem—Thomas Meredith.
Shinnston—F. B. Davis.
Smithton—J. F. McElure.
West Milford—M. W. Rider.
Wilsonburg—A. D. Garrett.
Wyatt—W. D. Reed.

BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.
J. H. Hess, presiding elder.
Addison, Geo. E. Ward.
Barbour, Levi Cross.
Bellington, P. O. Mays.
Beverly, James E. Engle.
Buckhannon, Asbury Mick.
Buckhannon Circuit, F. H. J. King.
Cleveland, Gilbert Williamson.
Cowan, P. H. Hawk.
Guttsville, George J. Crafts, sup.
Duffy, W. T. W. Sleath.
East Buckhannon, Martin Talbot.
Elkins, George E. Morris.
Flatwood, Fred Cottrill.
Freemansburg, J. A. Marney.
Frenchtown, L. E. Resenger.
Glenville, J. O. Strader.
Holly Grove, O. U. Parple.
Montrose, H. M. Strader.
Mingo, P. W. Strader, supplied.
Newton, L. N. G. Anderson.
Philippi, P. B. Meredith.
South Buckhannon, T. W. Chidester.
Sutton, G. D. Smith.
Ten Mile, J. O. Bolton.
Troy, A. L. Ireland.
Weston, W. J. Harkness.
Weston Circuit, P. L. Bent.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.
Joseph Lee, presiding elder.
Bellville, A. D. Adams.
Big Bend, Oliver Given.
Cairo, A. B. Rohrbough and P. H. Musgrave.

Elizabeth, G. E. Fuller.
Ellensburg, William Hunter.
Harrisville, O. Warman.
Hebron, J. B. Woodyard.
Middleburn, W. E. Lovett.
Newark, L. D. Ashley.
North Parkersburg, D. W. Smith.
Parkersburg, First Church, F. S. Townsend.
Parkersburg, Second Church, G. Blakeley.
Parkersburg Circuit, T. H. Bunting.
Pennsboro, T. W. Wilson.
Pleasant, A. L. Simmons.
Pullman, O. D. King.
Pursley, M. Taylor.
Saint Mary's, A. W. Ownby.
Shiloh, F. P. Dunbar.
Sistersville, H. B. Bowden.
Smithsboro, H. C. Sanford.
South Parkersburg, F. M. Malcom.
Volcano, E. D. W. King.
West Union, C. V. Upton.
Williamstown, G. W. Kepler.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.
S. J. Cotton, presiding elder.
Arnettsville, F. M. Cain.
Blacksburg, G. N. Williams.
Grafton, F. N. Lynch, H. Aleck, and B. L. Mercer.
Jollytown, F. G. Ford.
Kingwood, C. E. Shaw.
Knottsville, A. E. Barnes.
Littleton, U. S. G. Carroll.
Mason, M. Knott.
Monongalia, N. I. Bumgardner.
Morgantown, Albert Caledon.
Morgantown Circuit, S. E. Jones.
Palatine, G. O. Shaw.
Palatine Circuit, A. A. Kelley.
Tunnelton, W. O. Rogers.
Wedgetown, G. W. Bent.

Injunction Perpetual.

Miners Must Obey The Famous Order of Judge Jackson for All Time.

The trial of the twenty-seven miners for violating the order of the Federal Court and their incarceration in the Clarksburg jail is still familiar history to most of the TELEGRAM readers. It will be remembered that the merits of the injunction were not considered at that trial, and Judge Goff's decision did not touch upon that point. The injunction itself was to be tested at a future term of the court. The matter came up before Judge Jackson Wednesday, but the strike being over there was no interest taken in the proceedings. Counsel for the "strikers" formally withdrew the demurrer, and the injunction became perpetual and stands in full force as a law of the land.

Another Injunction

Democrats Want to Hold Jobs.

A lot of trouble was caused by the injunction, issued by Judge Jackson, to prevent Collector A. B. White from removing some Democratic gaugers at the big Hannis distillery at Martinsburg.

The Washington authorities indefinitely suspended Wm. Butler, United States storekeeper, and H. C. Berry, gauger, two of the conspiring employees. As a result neither the old nor the new men could act.

As the government was unable to furnish the necessary officers, Collector White shut down the distillery. It could neither manufacture nor withdraw goods from the bonded warehouse, where nearly one million gallons of whisky, which will have to pay \$1.10 per gallon, is stored.

Several millions of dollars are invested in this great plant, which is thus stopped from doing business by the sweeping injunctions secured by two or three Democrats, in a vain endeavor to hold on to their jobs.

Judge Jackson, however, claims that the closing of the plant was no fault of his. The hearing was set for October 6 at Clarksburg, but when the cause came up, it was found that two of the bills were at Wheeling, and the cases were continued and set for argument at Martinsburg, October 13.

Collector White and the other defendants were represented by District Attorney Joseph B. Gaines, and also by ex-Commissioner John W. Mason, who represented also the Commissioner of Internal Revenue and the Hannis Distillery Co.

Senator Faulkner and Stuart Walker, of Martinsburg, represented the petitioners.

Federal Court.

Counterfeiters and Violators of the Revenue Laws Brought to Justice.

The regular October term of the United States Circuit and District Courts convened on last Friday with his Honor, Judge N. Goff, on the bench. The district attorney being absent there was practically no court until Monday.

Among the cases disposed of were the following:

United States vs Bob Tenant,

guilty; \$100 fine and thirty days in jail. United States vs W. H. Hogan, jury verdict of not guilty. United States vs Clarence Robey, guilty; \$50 fine and costs. United States vs James S. Robey, guilty; \$50 fine and cost. United States vs Ike Lake, plea of guilty; \$100 fine and forty days in jail. United States vs Edward Perkins, nolle pros. United States vs Albert Weekly, guilty; \$1 fine and ten days in jail. Cases against the four following named parties were dismissed by the district attorney (nolle pros): Swayre Wilson, Ben Wilson, Sylvester Wilson, Thos. Hickman. United States vs Jud Hickman, plea of guilty; \$100 fine and 30 days in jail. United States vs George Moore, Webster county, jury verdict not guilty. United States vs John Hall, \$100 fine and thirty days in jail. United States vs Bill Linger, guilty; \$100 fine and 45 days in jail. United States vs Oak Shook, guilty; \$100 fine and 35 days in jail.

Last four of the above in Braxton county jail.

From Salem.

Mr. Williams, of Clarksburg, is contemplating starting a brick yard at this place.

John Rosier and wife will start Sunday night for Baltimore, where Mr. Rosier will attend the University School of Medicine.

John A. Harbert, of Jintown, this county, was married to Miss Maggie M. Zinn, of Holbrook, Ritchie county, by Rev. Zinn, of Arton, at the residence of Geo. E. Zinn, Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Ella Carpenter met with a very painful accident at her home in the east end Saturday. She was carrying a vessel filled with hot water and fell, being scalded very badly.

Thieves attempted to rob T. W. Keesy's store at Cherry Camp Monday night. The robbers carried off about \$60 worth of goods.—Times.

Mr. M. J. Smith, of Lost Creek, was one of our agreeable callers last week.

Mr. Jas. I. Highland, of Milford, was in town Thursday. He is kept busy with his duties as constable.

A large audience heard the first of the series of sermons on "The Bible a True Book," at the Baptist church, on last Sunday evening. Many interesting facts were presented. The topic announced for next Sunday evening is "The Voice of History; or The Bible Fits the Facts of History."

In the big suit of Cookman vs. Cookman, Miss Alice Bean was made special shorthand reporter. She took down the evidence of over 40 witnesses and all the rulings of the Court and motions of counsel, a mass of matter aggregating at least seventy thousand words. The work was practically perfect, establishing Miss Bean's title to the honor of being one of the most accurate and rapid stenographers in the State.

John T. Griffin, at the West End, has added a line of dry goods and notions to his stock. He aims to keep the best of every thing.

Aiden Benedict's "Fabio Romani" is the attraction at the Grand next Tuesday night. This is a first class company and they should have a crowded house.